

BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



OFFICE OF LEGAL ADVISOR

March 26, 2013

Christopher Peterson
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Re: Public Record Request, dated March 20, 2013

Dear Mr. Peterson:


We have received your request for public records, dated March 20, 2013, via electronic mail to Amy Short, which was forwarded to my office. This may take some times to respond to. The Massachusetts Public Records Law, G. L. c.66, § 10, and its implementing regulations govern your request. We are reviewing your request to determine whether the documents sought are "public records" subject to disclosure and, where applicable to estimate the cost of complying with your request.

As provided by the public records law, the charge for copying documents is twenty cents (\$.20) per page for photocopies, twenty-five cents (\$.25) per page for microfilm, fifty cents (\$.50) per page for computer printouts and (\$.88) per email. There also is a charge for the time it takes to search for the records, remove any exempt data, and photocopy and re-file the record. In addition, if copies of public records are to be mailed to you, there is a charge for the actual cost of postage.

We will be contacting you shortly regarding the availability of the records requested and the estimated costs of complying with the request. At that time, you may direct us to make the public records available to you for review at the School Department offices at 26 Court Street, Boston, rather than by copying, in order to avoid photocopying charges.

In the meantime, please feel free to contact this office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,


Alissa Ocasio
Legal Advisor

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